

VETERANS LAUNCH ATTACK ON BONUS

Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus
League Declares War on
'Money Grab.'

INJURED DESERVE IT ALL

But Able Men Nothing, in
View of Meeting—Recruits
Asked at \$1 Annual Dues.

With "nothing for the able bodied but everything for the disabled" as its slogan, the Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus League got under way last night with an organization meeting at the Hotel Commodore. A small group of men who believe that the blanket bonus is wrong planned for an alliance that shall take in all of similar mind, so that the league may be ready for mass action in case other attempts are made to put a bonus bill through Congress. The first big meeting is to be held at the Town Hall on November 29, just before Congress reconvenes. By that time it is hoped to have several thousand members in this State.

Among the speakers last night were Edward L. Allen and C. Curtis Main, Jr., trustees, who with Charles M. Miller, incorporated the league. George Brokaw Compton and Ellis Root, Jr., the chairman was Richard Malone. Mr. Compton organized the New York county chapter of the American Legion, but withdrew from its leadership two years ago because it voted for the bonus, although he is still a member.

"It is not our intent, purpose or desire," Mr. Allen said, "to create an organization in opposition to or in any way replace the American Legion as the veteran organization of the country, but we wish to see the league with their adjusted compensation policy and will fight for our ideals with all our might, but it will be a clean fight."

"I believe the Legion deliberately turned its back on the greatest opportunity it has ever had to put itself in a position where it could demand the respect, admiration and support not only of that great body of ex-service men outside its membership, but of the whole public as well."

The League said Mr. Allen intends to oppose "any and all attempts to bonus or pension the able bodied ex-service men," and its secondary purpose is that "of aiding in every way possible legislation providing for the injured and disabled."

"These purposes," he added, "can be accomplished only by first recruiting to our ranks every possible ex-service man who holds views similar to ours. The united voice of 50,000 or 100,000 such men will sound the death knell of adjusted compensation and will speak for the disabled in tones that cannot be ignored."

Mr. Compton challenged any bonus advocate to refute his contention that a majority of veterans did not favor the bonus. He said he honestly respected the fine ideals of the American Legion, but had "utter contempt for politicians in or out of Congress or in or out of veterans' organizations who do not believe in the bonus but advocate it from improper motives."

"And the whole movement," Mr. Compton said, "was started by persons with improper motives—a small group of leaders who wanted it for personal or political reasons. I am prepared to prove that if necessary. It is a shame that the American Legion, after starting on the right track, was derailed by a few men for improper purposes." He suggested that the new league join forces with the legion if the legion turns against the bonus; otherwise that it "take over the opportunities which the legion had in 1919."

Mr. Root, recalling how the Plattsburg movement grew from very small beginnings, predicted like progress for the league.

"And whether large or small," said he, "it will keep people from going around and saying that the sentiment of the ex-service men is unanimous for the bonus. It supplies a rallying point for those who think that the bonus is just a disgraceful grab."

The trustees were authorized to select a temporary executive committee. Annual dues were fixed at \$1. Every able bodied person who served in the army or navy during the world war is eligible.

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BEECKMAN HAS FOUR ACCUSERS ARRESTED

Rhode Island Nominee for Sen-
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Conspiracy.

TWO ACCUSED OF LIBEL

John A. Hennessey Is Among
Those Involved in Suit Over
French Vote.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Providence, Oct. 23.—Herve J. Lagace of Woonsocket, Luke A. Keenan of Johnston, Henry D. Hamilton of Barrington and John A. Hennessey of New York, the last three associated in the publication of the Providence News, were arrested to-night on warrants charging conspiracy as a result of charges made against R. Livingston Beekman, former Governor of Rhode Island and now Republican candidate for the United States Senate.

These charges, as contained in an article printed in the Providence News last Saturday, alleged that agents of former Gov. Beekman gave to Lagace \$1,500 to use his influence to swing the French vote of the State for Beekman.

Hamilton and Hennessey were arrested also on warrants charging criminal libel, and a warrant alleging this offense also was sworn out against the Hope Publishing Company, publishers of the News.

All the warrants were applied for by Mr. Beekman this afternoon before Judge Howard C. Gorham of the Sixth District Court, and the arrests were made soon afterward.

To-night the defendants were arraigned before Judge Gorham and were released in bail of \$2,000 each. Hennessey and Hamilton were required to furnish bail on each of the charges. Judge Gorham directed them to appear for trial on November 2.

John J. Fitzgerald of Providence appeared as attorney for Hennessey, Hamilton, Keenan and Lagace, and the money for their release was furnished by Patrick H. Quinn of West Warwick and Theodore Francis Green of Providence, both lawyers and Democratic leaders.

Mr. Beekman denied again the truth of the News' story that he had paid or caused to be paid money to Lagace for swinging the French vote to the Republican ticket at the November election. He declared he was not interested in obtaining monetary damages from the four defendants, but that he did intend to obtain vindication.

The article as published in the News, which is the Democratic paper and has been very active in support of the candidacy of Senator Peter A. Gerry, the Democratic nominee for reelection alleged that Lagace received the \$1,500 from J. Henry Reuter, formerly Mr. Beekman's secretary and now his campaign manager.

PRICES realized on Swift & Company sales of carcass beef in New York City for week ending Saturday, October 21, on shipments sold out, ranged from 9.00 cents to 20.00 cents per pound, and averaged 15.65 cents per pound.—Adv.

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TO PEOPLE'S CONSCIENCE**

**New Legion Head Will Ap-
peal to the Nation.**

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REWARD FOR SHEILD**


**American Relief Offers \$500
to Find Missing Workers.**

Moscow, Oct. 23 (Associated Press).—Col. William N. Haskell, director of the American relief work in Russia, has wired authorization to the relief workers in the Volga Valley to offer a reward of five billion rubles (about \$500) to any one who reports definitely the whereabouts of Philip Sheild of the relief administration, who has disappeared.

The Government authorities here announce that 150 experienced agents, mostly members of the Moscow political police, are in Simbirsk and its neighborhood trying to trace Sheild. The American authorities have also engaged detectives and A. R. A. workers in various parts of Russia have been notified to assist in the search.

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